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I have looked at the drug bill provision on R&D centers, and, while I agree that CIA and NSA would be better off without them, I do not see them in their present form as creating a big problem. The only thing being directed is the development of a plan which examines existing facilities and arrangements. It seems to me there is enough latitude in that sort of requirement for CIA and NSA to protect their respective interests. And GAO involvement is limited to monitoring the development of the plan. CIA and NSA should be able to hold off intrusive forays.

The problem for us continues to be trying to exclude intelligence from the requirements generally affected by the bill. In the absence of a compelling problem, I do not think the support is there in the Committee for this approach.

Sincerely,

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*P.S. If I'm missing something,
let me know.*

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